



## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost—July 23, 2023 *Holy Baptism of Emery Hope Donati*

### ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

#### Worship Service LIVE—9:00 a.m.

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*Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.*

#### SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck  
Lector.....Sam Purswell  
Organist.....Jeff Gentry  
Ushers.....Linda Yopp and Sheila Kahler  
Acolyte.....Camden Plog

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trish Valcarcel  
Vice-President—Patty Rimel  
Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein  
Secretary—Jackie Waas

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT**

## **CHURCH BELL RUNG**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **\*The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*\*GATHERING HYMN.....Oh, Worship the King.....ELW 842*

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| 1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.<br>Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;<br>our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,<br>pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise. | 4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,<br>in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;<br>your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,<br>our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend. |
| 2 The earth with its store of wonders untold,<br>Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;<br>established it fast by a changeless decree,<br>and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.   | 5 O measureless might, ineffable love,<br>while angels delight to hymn you above,<br>the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,<br>with true adoration shall sing to your praise.      |

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

***\*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)***

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

***\*KYRIE (ELW, p. 147) (Sung)***

- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

***\*Canticle of Praise (Sung)***

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:***

P: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Anthem.....Soloist, Ginny Brace***

***FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8***

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***PSALM: Psalm 86***

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;

**give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

<sup>12</sup>I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
**and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;  
**you have delivered me from the pit of death.**

<sup>14</sup>The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;  
**they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
**slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
**give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

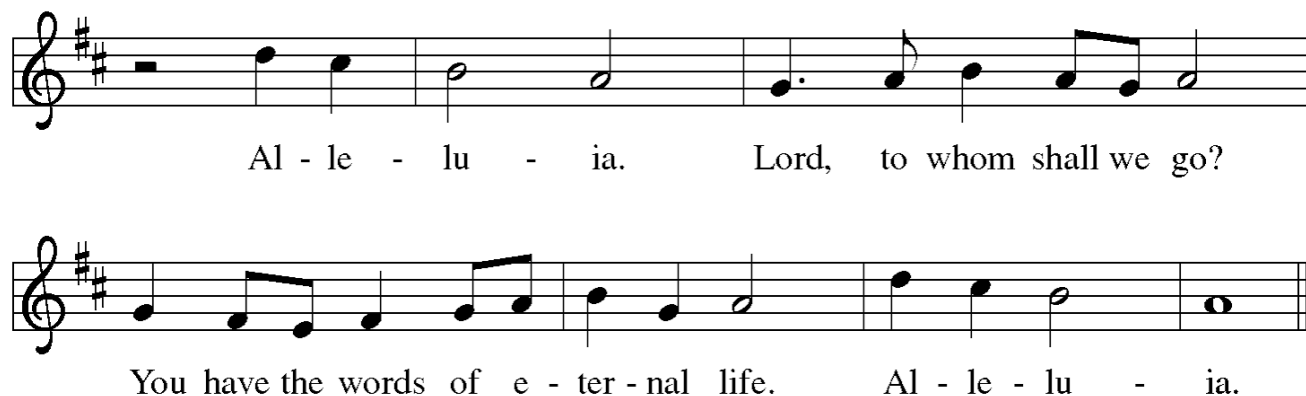
<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;  
**because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

***SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25***

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)**



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter, **13:24-30, 36-43**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)**

**\*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)**

**SERMON** .....Pastor Phil Beck

**Silence for Reflection**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**.....***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***.....ELW 693

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| <p>1 Come, ye thankful people, come;<br/>raise the song of harvest home.<br/>All be safely gathered in<br/>ere the winter storms begin.<br/>God, our maker, doth provide<br/>for our wants to be supplied.<br/>Come to God's own temple, come,<br/>raise the song of harvest home.</p> <p>2 All the world is God's own field,<br/>fruit unto his praise to yield;<br/>wheat and tares together sown,<br/>unto joy or sorrow grown.<br/>First the blade, and then the ear,<br/>then the full corn shall appear.<br/>Lord of harvest, grant that we<br/>wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> | <p>3 For the Lord our God shall come<br/>and shall take his harvest home;<br/><i>from his field shall in that day</i><br/>all offenses purge away;<br/>give his angels charge at last<br/>in the fire the tares to cast,<br/>but the fruitful ears to store<br/>in his garner evermore.</p> <p>4 Even so, Lord, quickly come<br/>to thy final harvest home.<br/>Gather then thy people in,<br/>free from sorrow, free from sin,<br/>there, forever purified,<br/>in thy garner to abide.<br/>Come, with all thine angels, come,<br/>raise the glorious harvest home!</p> |
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## **HOLY BAPTISM OF EMERY HOPE DONATI**

### **PRESENTATION**

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**Sponsors: We present Emery Hope Donati for baptism.**

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parents: We do.**

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: To live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Parents, do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: We do.**

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Emery** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors: We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support **Emery** and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**We do.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**We do.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**We do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## *THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT*

- P:** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and was anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raised us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## ***BAPTISM OF Emery Hope Donati***

- P:** Emery, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**
- P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Emery with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**
- P:** Emery, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.  
**Amen.**
- C:** **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

## ***LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE***

### *WELCOME*

- P:** Let us welcome the newest member of God's family.
- C:** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## ***\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***

- P:** ... God, in your mercy,
- C:** **Hear our prayer.**

***OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.***

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*, ELW 184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

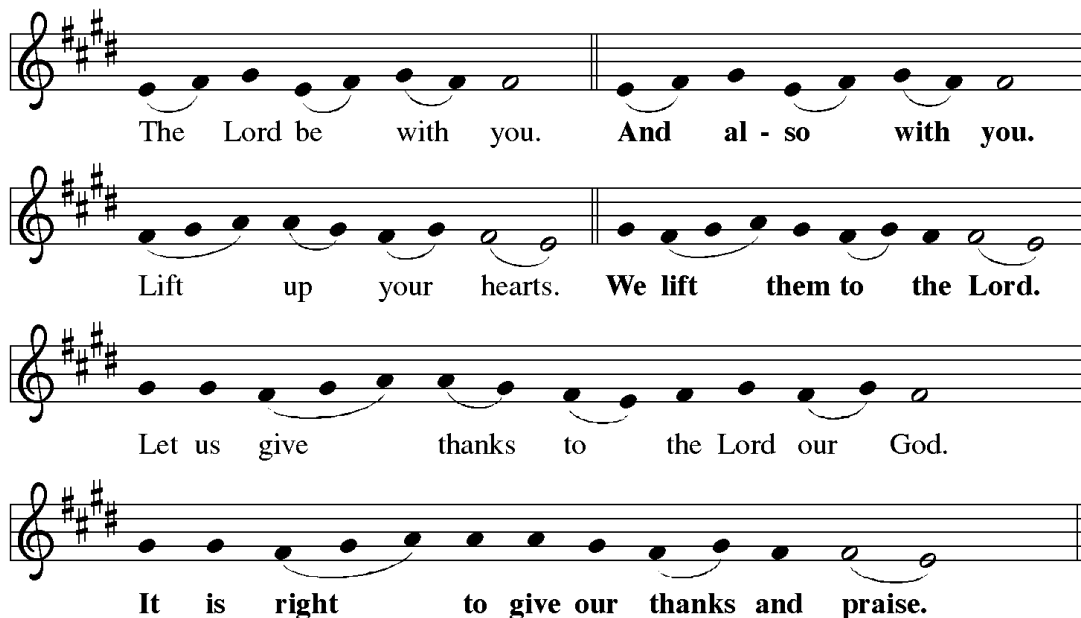
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: God of Abundance:

C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, p.152)**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*THE PREFACE:**

P: It is indeed right our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn :

C: **\*(ELW, p. 153) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**



**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

\*C: (ELW, p.194) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,  
grant us peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

P: All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The feast is prepared, the table is set, come and eat.

\*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: Amen.

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: (ELW, 204)**

C: Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION:**

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN.....We Plow the Fields and Scatter.....ELW 681**

1 We plow the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

*Refrain*

All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord,  
we thank you, Lord,  
for all your love.

2 You only are the maker  
of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower,  
you light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey you,  
by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children,  
you give our daily bread. *Refrain*

3 We thank you, our creator,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
for all your love imparts,  
but what you most would treasure—  
our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt.

**\*DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM!  
THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA!

**Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:**

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.



# PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*  
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*  
**Gary Wachter**, *Member*  
**Michael Wachter**, *Son of Gary and Kay Wachter*  
The Wynne Family, *Friends of Lin Snider and Sue Snyder*  
Lin Snider, *Member*  
Sue Snyder, *Member*  
The Valcarcel Family, *Members*  
Kim Currier, *Daughter of Sam Purswell*  
Family of Tommy Sorge, *Nephew of the Purswells and Cousin to the Valcarcels*  
Barb Callow, *friend of Marie Purswell*  
**Jonathan Eshelman**, *Nephew of Kay Wachter*  
Susan and Paul Holloway, *Family of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
Charlie Knapp, *Friend of Pastor Phil*  
**Robert Hoff**, *Member, son of Betty Walker*  
Lillian Foucart, *Member*  
For the Family of Ginny Rousculp, *Former choir Director and Member*  
Jeanne Rutz, *friend of Pastor Phil*  
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
**Deanna Meyer**, *Personal friend of Joann Valainis*  
Joan Collins, *Aunt of Joann Valainis*  
Artie Fauble, *member*  
Marc Johnson, *Brother of Deb Horton*  
Marie Purswell, *Member*  
Family of Karen Rickinson, *Daughter of Audrey McDougall*  
Chris Muesing, *Family of Jacki Waas*  
Parker Bazarewski, *member of Ed Chaney's extended family*  
Riley, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*  
Kathy, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*  
John Baker, *Member.*  
**Marion Lawrence**, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
**Laura Wertz**, *Daughter of Betsy Galliher*

## How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator ([officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](mailto:officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org)). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in **Super Bold**, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing!

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* **Matthew 18:20**

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

- +Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,  
niece to Linwood Snider
- +Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,  
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
- +U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,  
grandson of Sam Purswell
- +Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of  
Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
- +Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law  
of Marcia & Raj Gupta
- +Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of  
Mary Ann Ferguson
- +Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of  
Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in  
law

*Do you have need for prayer?  
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?  
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at  
St. Paul's that is ready to help.  
Simply contact the Church Office.  
All requests are confidential.*

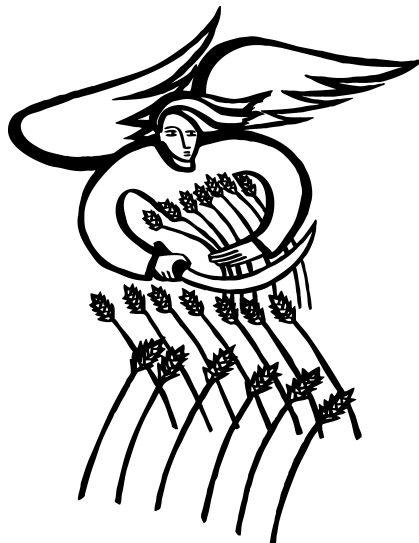
***\*\*Please remember all the names on our prayer  
list, and especially those that are **bold**.**  
They have a specific current need for  
Christian love and support.*

## Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

For if we are forbidden to uproot the tares, and if we are to wait in patience until the harvest time, how then are we to cast out certain persons from amongst us? Between the true wheat and the tares, while the latter is still green, and the stalk has not yet come into ear, there is a great similarity, and little or no difference between them, so as to tell one from the other. The Lord therefore warns us that in the beginning we are not to be too ready to deliver judgment, where anything is uncertain; but that we leave judgment to God, so that when the day of the Judge shall come, he shall exclude the wicked from the company of the blessed, not on the mere suspicion of having committed an offence, but because of manifest guilt.

—Jerome

[Jerome, in *The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, I, 331.]



## **OFFERINGS**

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times.

It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,825.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

#### **Electronic/Mail-ins Income**

**July 16, 2023:**

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 902.30
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 195.00
Total:	\$1,097.30

#### **In Worship Offerings**

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,019.17
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$2,319.17

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**July 16, 2023**

In person: 75

Virtual: \*\*

### **This Week at St Paul's**

#### **Sunday, July 23rd**

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

***Baptism of Emery Hope Donati***

#### **Sunday July 30th**

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Treasurer's Report**  
**INCOME & EXPENSES FOR JUNE 2023**

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>		<b>PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND</b>	
06/04 Offering	\$ 3,627.51	06/04 Offering	\$ 470.00
06/11 Offering	\$ 1,517.31	06/11 Offering	\$ 465.00
06/18 Offering	\$ 2,100.91	06/18 Offering	\$ 295.00
06/25 Offering	\$ 2,467.91	06/25 Offering	\$ 365.00
Total Offerings	\$ 9,713.64	Total Offerings	\$ 1,595.00
Expenses	\$ (20,535.27)	Loan Payment	\$ (1,522.71)
Subtotal	\$ (10,821.63)	<b>Surplus for 6/30/2023</b>	<b>\$ 72.29</b>
Other Income:			
Rental Income	\$ 887.50		
Misc Income	\$ 14.75		
<b>Deficit for 6/30/2023</b>	<b>\$ (9,919.38)</b>		

**YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/23 TO 6/30/2023**

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>		<b>PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND</b>	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 67,250.09	Offerings	\$ 10,685.00
Lent	\$ 859.00	Loan Fee	\$ (400.00)
Easter	\$ 150.00	Interest	\$ 0.61
Interest/Dividend	\$ 1,155.00	Total Income	\$ 10,285.61
Rental	\$ 9,562.50		
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 1,516.53		
Amazon Smile Program	\$ 275.90		
Misc	\$ 14.75	Loan Payments	\$ (9,136.26)
Total Income	\$ 80,783.77		
Less Operating Expenses	\$ (106,642.20)		
<b>Current Fund</b>		<b>Property Renov Loan Fund</b>	
<b>Deficit thru 6/30/2023</b>	<b>\$ (25,858.43)</b>	<b>Surplus thru 6/30/2023</b>	<b>\$ 1,149.35</b>
		Balances owed on:	
		Mortgage as of 6/2023	\$ 140,321.25

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\***

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-E-VMdr8yc&t=51s>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7\\_-Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q)

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Hope & Ric Donati and in honor of their granddaughter, Emery Hope's, baptism and in remembrance of her great grandma Iris' birthday.*



*The piano flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy Chaney's birthday by Ed Chaney.*



## **ONE MORE WEEK TO GET INTO GEAR!**

Through the month of July Saint Paul's will support the Back-to-School Project sponsored by Glade Valley Community Services.

You may place your school supply donations in the box at the church through July 30th, when they will be delivered for distribution.

Use this link for more information on GVCS' Back to School Project and volunteering opportunities.

<https://gladevalley.org/back-to-school-project/>

**WATCH FOR THOSE SUMMER SALES!**

***Let's gear these kids up for a great School Year!***



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Paul's Annual Church Picnic in the Park is **Sunday, August 27th**. In Person Worship in the church will be @ 9:00am and Worship in the Park will begin at 11:00am. The Picnic will directly follow at 11:30am. Our tradition of a time for fun, good food and fellowship continues at Walkersville Community Park (at the end of Kenneth Drive) Pavilion #2. We hope to see you there! Fried Chicken, chips, bottled water and tableware will be provided. Please use the sign up sheets in church to bring a side dish or dessert you would like to share!

***Be sure to RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

## DID YOU KNOW?

There are several other options to support our church and its mission!!

We, as a congregation, are in the time of the year when our giving typically declines. This happens due to vacations, summer holidays, graduations, and other summer events. Below are a few additional options that you might not be aware of to help increase giving ***any time*** during the year.



Many employers offer a program that will match your donations to a charitable organization of your choice. There are usually limits on the amount, but it's an easy way to maximize your impact and support.

If you are a policy holder with Thrivent Financial you may have "Thrivent Choice Dollars" that can be allocated to the church. See the link below for instructions on this program.

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/files/26087.pdf>

***We continue to offer electronic giving as an easy way to support the church even when you can't attend. As always, we appreciate every contribution to help our church continue its mission of feeding the body, mind, and spirit of all.***

## Shared Ministry



The Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways. On June 18, 2023 the Congregations of Bethel Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran unanimously ratified the Covenant re-establishing shared ministry between the two congregations.

***Beginning July 9, 2023 worship at Bethel begins at 11:15 am and worship begins at 9:00 am at St. Paul's.***

Congratulations for this renewed partnership.

## REPAIRS TO THE PARSONAGE

A basic estimate at this time:

Stove	\$1,000
Dishwasher	\$ 800
Refrigerator	\$1,000
A/C units	\$1,000
Locks	\$ 800

The Congregation has approved up to \$7,000.00 for parsonage repairs. It is not anticipated that all of these funds will be used. Council will provide updates as they come. Please forward questions or concerns to any council member.



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## **Caring for the Body of Christ, July 2023**

*How about some words about our hydration needs? Summer heat and activity reminds us about the need to keep ourselves well hydrated. Remember dehydration can creep up on us.*

*Please see the bulletin board, weekly email or July Epistle for more Summer caring advice.*

**Deb Horton**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**



**August 16, 2023**  
**1:00-3:00pm, Parish Hall**  
**Come join us!**

We will welcome Savannah Roderick from Frederick Health speaking with us about Stroke Prevention, and Nanette Tummers, speaking about Functional Fitness and Health!



***Would you like to  
schedule a date  
to sponsor  
Altar flowers?***

***Please contact Patty Rimel through  
the Parish Office if you would like to  
arrange a date for dedication.***

## **SUMMER AT THE FOOD BANK**

Summer at the Food Bank means fewer donations are received, and our shelves can get bare.

***Items most in need are: Soup, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, canned pasta, peanut butter, canned green beans and corn, baked beans, bar soap and kids' juice boxes.***

If you have a garden, please remember the Food Bank. Our clients love fresh garden fruit and vegetables throughout the summer. Please bring your donations to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall.

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